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### LAMPOONS

A series of clever sayings, gibes, jests and jokes, clipped from the press of the world, about twelve in all.

### HAPPY HOOLIGAN in "A FISH STORY."

The cat is anxious to go fishing in the fish globe, and the fish are swimming excitedly to and fro, trying to escape her clutches, while Happy and the three nephews look on.

Before it is too late, Happy puts the globe beyond pussy's reach and saying "That reminds me--" launches forth into a most thrilling tale of adventure as the result of a fishing trip.

This is what happened: One day he and Gloomy Gus were sitting on the porch when Gus decided he would go fishing. Happy would have liked to join him, but his cousin said, "Now don't you follow me, you're a Jonah." Therefore, Happy sat patiently with his book until Gus went into the house, packed up his paraphernalia, and started off.

He was no sooner gone than Happy scampered into the house, picked up a large covered basket, and started too. It did not take him long to arrive at the fishing pier where Gus was already angling. The fish did not seem very hungry just then, for Gus did not even get a nibble. Perhaps this was why Gus cast a very ugly look at Happy when he came upon the scene.

Nothing daunted, Happy cast in his line, and it barely entered the water, when he jerked out a fish. He then caught another and still another, throwing them into the large basket. Pretty soon he cast in his line without even taking the time to bait his hook, and pulled out three beauties at once. This performance repeated several times, and then the fish started coming along the line, down the pole, and into the basket of their own accord, in a continuous stream. It took but a short while to fill the basket to overflowing.

The remarkable feature of this was, though, that Gus didn't even catch one tiny minnow. You couldn't blame Gus too much for being provoked under these circumstances. However, Gus was more than provoked, and when Happy's back was turned he pushed him off the pier into the cold water of the ocean.

Happy put forth his best efforts and commenced to swim vigorously. This he continued to do until he was about half between New York and Paris, when he sighted a buoy. He attached himself to the life-saver and called for help.

The queerest thing happened! An immense whale stuck his head up out of the water, and with his flapper, shook Happy's hand. He then motioned to him to get on his back. Happy felt a bit skeptical about the advisability of doing this, but finally decided to take a chance, and mounting the whale, they started off, followed by about a million other fish of all kinds. It was a most impressive cortege, as they shot through the water, and in almost less time than it took to tell it, they were back at the original pier, much to the consternation of Gus, who was still there to witness this magnificent return of his Jonah cousin.

Happy majestically stepped from the back of the whale on to the pier, and permitted himself to be kissed by his benefactor. He thanked his many friends, and emptied the heavily laden basket of fish into the sea.

Just as he reached this point in the story, his conscience bothered him a bit, and when the nephews asked "Is it a true story," he shivered as he reluctantly told them "no."

What a cruel thing is conscience! Who knows what other thrilling adventures he deprived us of hearing about.



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